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Fiscal Fitness Subcommittee to Meet in Graniteville

Columbia--Senator Glenn McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, has named the members of the subcommittee tasked to consider his "Fiscal Fitness" agenda that consists of legislative initiatives to place a Constitutional cap on state spending, conduct a streamlining review of state government, reform the way executive agency regulations are enacted, and enact a taxpayer fairness act, a deficit prevention act, and a trust protection act.

Senator McConnell is serving as the chairman of the subcommittee whose members include: Senator Tom Davis, Beaufort County; Senator Vincent Sheheen, Kershaw County; Senator Shane Massey, Edgefield County; Senator Jake Knotts, Lexington County; Senator Gerald Malloy, Darlington County; and Senator Phil Shoopman, Greenville County.

The subcommittee will hold a public hearing in Graniteville to listen to the ideas of the citizens and to get these issues ready for immediate action as soon as the General Assembly returns in January. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Aiken Technical College Amphitheater, Room 701 of the 700-800 Building, which is located at 2276 Jefferson Davis Highway. Concerning this meeting, Senator Shane Massey said, "I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Fiscal Fitness subcommittee. South Carolinians are legitimately concerned about our state's financial situation, and they deserve to have their voices heard. I am glad the committee has decided to hold a public hearing at Aiken Technical College, and I hope folks from Aiken and Edgefield counties come out to share their concerns and provide their insight. I know the members of the subcommittee will listen closely to the citizens' comments and will take what we hear back to Columbia."

Senator McConnell also announced that the subcommittee's agenda will include discussions about zero-based budgeting and ending the use of flexibility provisos in the state's annual appropriations act. Senator McConnell said, "The members of the subcommittee will face difficult choices about how our government operates in our state. I believe it is important that we improve our state's fiscal health by limiting what government can spend, preventing agencies

from spending more money than they have, protecting taxpayers from bureaucrats creating or changing tax laws in search of more revenue, and securing trust fund monies. Perhaps with these reforms, our state's fiscal fitness can be an example for those in Washington.”

For more information and to access Senator McConnell's position papers concerning the above-mentioned initiatives, please visit the subcommittee's website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/Committeeinfo/SenateJudiciarySpecialSubcommittees/SenateFiscallyFit/fiscallyfit.php>.

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